

Animal Health Technician
GS-704-6
(SJ #9125/9128/9131)

Examples of Qualifying Experience:

- Experience as a small or large animal veterinary technician. Experience advising and/or educating animal owners relative to animal health issues. Experience performing laboratory tests such as urinalysis and blood counts, assisting with dental prophylaxis, preparing tissue samples, taking blood samples, or assisting veterinarians in a variety of tests and analyses. Experience preparing animals for surgery. Experience cleaning and autoclaving surgical instruments. Experience working with surgical equipment. Experience assisting in taking medical histories, recording medical data, and keeping client records. This experience may be related to small or large animals.
or
- Experience working with livestock or poultry on a farm, ranch, or sale yard (e.g., herdsman assistant). Experience restraining animals for testing or sample collection. Experience employing practices used in animal husbandry, farm management, or livestock marketing. General experience branding and/or tagging of cattle/livestock. Experience keeping health and production records.
or
- Experience as a stable manager/worker (e.g., for a race track or riding camp, etc.). Experience related to various herd health tasks such as grooming, vaccinating, applying topical and oral medications, and basic health inspection procedures.
or
- Experience as a livestock transporter/hauler. Experience ensuring the documents are in order for the transport of livestock (i.e., permits, certificates, etc.) and knowing the shipping regulations. Experience inspecting livestock for basic herd health to ensure they meet health standards for transport.
or
- Experience working at a rodeo or sale yard. To qualify at this level, rodeo and/or sale yard experience must include completion of transportation documents, inspecting or treating animals at shows/rodeos, assessing and dealing with health and welfare problems of cattle and horses, and/or other management tasks requiring coordination with veterinarians, stock contractors, competitors, livestock supervisors, etc.
or
- FSIS food inspector experience related to meat or poultry inspection. To qualify at this level, FSIS experience must include actual animal inspection/handling experience, as well as experience administering quality control tests and/or laboratory tests.